

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 154

By Shaw

A RESOLUTION to name a certain segment of State Route 125 in Hardeman County in honor of the late James E. Mills.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Lieutenant James E. Mills, Tennessee Highway Patrol, of Hardeman County; and

WHEREAS, James E. Mills served with courage and distinction as a Tennessee Highway Trooper for more than thirty-five years, retiring as a lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, a man of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, Lieutenant James E. Mills worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Hardeman County; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mills also served his fellow citizens faithfully as the Chief of Police of Grand Junction and as the Chief of Police of Hickory Valley; and

WHEREAS, James E. Mills further dedicated his services and time to his fellow citizens as a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Hardeman County Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service as an officer of the law and public servant, the Hardeman County Commission has memorialized this body to name a certain segment of State Route 125 to permanently commemorate James E. Mills's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 125 beginning at the structure that presently houses the Nelms Chevrolet Dealership in the City of Bolivar and continuing southward to its intersection with Peavine Road in Hardeman County is hereby designated as the "Lt. James E. Mills Memorial Highway" in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 125 as the "Lt. James E. Mills Memorial Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with the final six resolving clauses omitted from such copy.

